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Amendments to the Claims:

The claims below replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for communicating with an external device, comprising:

a display; and

a customizable share menu that is displayable on the display and which comprises a plurality of selectable icons that respectively correspond to selected tasks or actions that may be performed by a user, and which initiate a through connection with the external device, and, when selected, cause the selected task or action to be performed on the external device in a preprogrammed manner;

wherein the external device communicates identifying information to the system that identifies the external device and its capabilities, and in response, the system configures with icons the share menu according to the capabilities of the external device and shows the user specific capabilities that cannot be performed by the external device by graying out from the share menu intended actions that cannot be performed by the external device; and

a device configuration module that configures a customized device driver for the external device so that the external device can communicate its capabilities by way of specific device identifying information if the external device is not a readily available device type;

and wherein, in response to selecting one of the one or more selectable icons to perform a desired task, the system checks whether the selection that has been made matches the capabilities of the connected external device, and if the selection matches the external device capabilities, performs the desired task by communicating between the user device and the external device.

2. (original) The system recited in claim 1 which comprises a digital camera.

3. (original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein the tasks are selected from a

group consisting of printing, e-mailing, archiving and downloading data from the system.

4. (original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein the external device comprises a printer.

5. (original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein the external device comprises a computer.

6. (original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein the external device comprises a wireless telephone.

7. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of;

- configuring a user device to have a share menu that is displayable on a display of the user device and which comprises one or more selectable icons that correspond to selected tasks or actions that may be performed by a user;
- connecting the user device to an external device;
- communicating identifying information from the external device to the user device that identifies the external device and its capabilities;
- configuring the share menu according to the capabilities of the external device
- selecting one of the one or more selectable icons to perform a desired task;
- showing the user specific capabilities that cannot be performed by the external device by graying out from the share menu intended actions that cannot be performed by the external device;
- configuring a customized device driver for the external device if the external device is not a readily available device type so that the external device can communicate its capabilities by way of specific device identifying information;
- checking whether the selection that has been made matches the capabilities of the connected external device; and
- if the selection matches the external device capabilities, performing the desired task by communicating between the user device and the external device.

8. (original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the step of communicating uses a predetermined connection protocol.

9. (original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the step of communicating uses a file system.

10. (currently amended) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the user device comprises a digital camera.

11. (original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the tasks are selected from a group consisting of printing, e-mailing, archiving and downloading data from the system.

12. (original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the external device comprises a printer.

13. (original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the external device comprises a computer.

14. (original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the external device comprises a wireless telephone.

15. (currently amended) A system for communicating with an external device, comprising:

a display; and

customizable displayable sharing means that is presentable on the display and which comprises a plurality of selectable icons that respectively correspond to selected tasks or actions that may be performed by a user, for initiating a through connection with the external device, and for causing a selected task or action to be performed on the external device in a preprogrammed manner;

wherein the customizable displayable sharing means shows the user specific capabilities that cannot be performed by the external device by graying out from the share menu intended actions that cannot be performed by the external device; and

a device configuration module that configures a customized device driver for the external device so that the external device can communicate its capabilities by way of specific device identifying information if the external device is not a readily available device type.

16. (original) The system recited in claim 15 wherein the external device communicates identifying information to the system that identifies the external device and its capabilities, and in response, the system configures the share menu according to the capabilities of the external device.

17. (original) The system recited in claim 15 wherein, in response to selecting one of the one or more selectable icons to perform a desired task, the system checks whether the selection that has been made matches the capabilities of the connected external device, and if the selection matches the external device capabilities, performs the desired task by communicating between the user device and the external device.